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# The Great Big Green Week OX10 Community Centre Pop-Up Event

OX10 Community Centre are hosting a Pop-Up Social Event on Saturday 24th September, 10am to 4pm.

We will be in the Market Place and surrounding roads all day. This expanded pedestrian area will be transformed into a hub of fun, with interesting free, family-friendly activities. We are working in collaboration with many local organisations volunteer groups and environmental charities (eg Sustainable Wallingford, Wild about Wallingford and Cholsey Environment Champion etc) who will be providing a wide range of:

- Children's Games
- Information Stalls
- Arts & Crafts
- Workshops
- Lectures
- Climate Café (Saturday 1st October)

There will also be play activities on offer from Oxfordshire Play Association, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBOWT), Style Acre and live music from Wallingford Tuneless Choir, Art Exhibitions from local Artists and a Camerados Public Living Room.

Free local fun for all the family.

## Learn about hedgehogs, trees and more at Howbery Park for Great Big Green Week

To mark Great Big Green Week, Howbery Business Park is holding a lunchtime talk focusing on hedgehogs and launching its Tree Trail. The talk and trail will be open to the general public, as well as those based on the park, free of charge, as part of Howbery's aim to raise awareness of biodiversity.

The talk will take place on 28th September in the Manor House at Howbery Park and will cover hedgehogs and other areas of biodiversity at Howbery. It will be given by Biodiversity Manager Simon Blackley and

senior beekeeper Robin Sergi from the Nurture Group, which looks after the Howbery grounds.



Howbery Park is working with the Nurture Landscapes team to make its grounds hedgehog friendly this year, as part of a six-year biodiversity scheme. The team has already installed seven hedgehog houses and is surveying food sources in the park to ensure that the spiky creatures have ample to eat all year long round. The talk will help people understand more about hedgehogs and other wildlife in the area and how they can help in their preservation.

Nurture's Biodiversity Manager Simon Blackley explained: "Hedgehogs need support as their numbers have been dwindling for years. Their numbers dropped by about 70 per cent between the 1970s and the 1990s, and a further half of the population of native hedgehogs were lost from the British countryside over the last two decades."

The park will also be launching its new Tree Trail during Great Big Green Week. From 26th September, visitors and people based on the park will be able to pick up a free map from the Manor Café (also open to the public) – between 9am and 4pm on weekdays. The trail will take in eleven of Howbery's notable trees, which are marked by plaques in the grounds.

Further details about the talk can be found on the Howbery website. Spaces for the talk will be limited. Please email Donna at [d.bowles@hrwallingford.com](mailto:d.bowles@hrwallingford.com) if you would like to reserve a space.

Howbery's beautiful grounds are open to the public from 8am to 6pm on working weekdays and are only a short walk from the centre of Crowmarsh Gifford. There is a bus stop outside the site and ample parking



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## St Mary Magdalene's Church, Crowmarsh Gifford

### September Church Events (at St Mary Magdalene's unless otherwise stated):

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Family Pet Service
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am-12.30pm	Crowmarsh Community Café at the Village Hall
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Parish Communion (Education Sunday)
	4pm	Evening Service at St Mary's, Newnham Murren
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Parish Communion
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Family Communion
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	7pm	Harvest Dinner at the Village Hall
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	11am	Harvest Festival Family Service

Morning Prayer - every Friday at 9am

Evening Prayer – every Sunday at 6pm (except 11<sup>th</sup> September)

Full details at [www.wallingfordcofe.org.uk/calendar](http://www.wallingfordcofe.org.uk/calendar)

### The Vicar writes ...

After the relatively relaxing time of the summer holidays, September brings a hive of activity as we have Bunkfest and children going back to school. In church, we begin September with our popular Pet Service, when pets of all shapes, sizes and species are welcome in church as we thank God for them and ask his blessing on all of his creation, a theme which continues until our Harvest celebrations in the first weekend of October and our first ever Harvest Dinner on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October at the Village Hall.

At our September Community Café and in church, we will have the plans on display for our new toilet and servery area at the back of the church. These are going forward for Diocesan approval this month, so please do have a look and join us in making this long-awaited project happen. The work will also remedy the damp problems that have been affecting our Grade I listed building for a number of years with a new drainage system and replacement floor. We hope that all villagers will want to maintain what is without doubt a wonderful historic asset at the heart of our village with its original Norman features. As Wallingford spends thousands on maintaining what is left of their castle ruins, we should appreciate the history of our equally ancient building on this side of the river, even if we were usually on the opposite side of history, whether Stephen vs Matilda or Roundheads vs Royalists. It is a privilege for our church council to be custodians of the building but the challenge of maintaining and keeping it useable as a community space falls upon us all.

One way of fundraising is to take part in the sponsored "Ride & Stride", visiting as many churches as possible on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September in aid of the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust, one of the charities that will be helping us with our building project.

See [www.ohct.org.uk](http://www.ohct.org.uk) for more information and how to take part. You can also visit the little church at Newnham Murren again the day after for our late summer Evening Service at 4pm on 11<sup>th</sup> September – all welcome!

Blessings, Rev Kev

## Can you help us produce the Crowmarsh News?

The small (and friendly!) team that produces your *Crowmarsh News* every month is keen to have some more members to share the work of editing, compiling and delivering the magazine. Both new and longer-standing residents will be very welcome to join us.

If you would like to get involved or just find out more about how we operate, please email [crowmarsh.editor@gmail.com](mailto:crowmarsh.editor@gmail.com) or pop a note through the door at 57 The Street, Crowmarsh Gifford (Old Gardener's Arms), or speak to any member of the team (see front cover).

If you can help with distributing the *Crowmarsh News* in your local street or neighbourhood, particularly in the new developments, please email [crowmarsh.editor@gmail.com](mailto:crowmarsh.editor@gmail.com) or contact Frank Sadler, who coordinates the deliverers.

You don't need lots of experience to help, just to be enthusiastic and willing to spend a few hours every few months on what we hope is or will become your favourite village newsletter!

## Help to run your Village Hall

Are you particularly interested in culture or your community? If so you may wish to consider joining the small group of volunteers who administer the booking and running of the Village Hall in Benson Lane. The hall has a relatively modest capacity of 80 seated people. It is nevertheless very popular and acts as a central hub and meeting place for our growing village.

We would particularly welcome younger people or people who enjoy performing in whatever capacity to contribute to an expanding repertoire of activities in the future. There are only 5 or 6 meetings a year so the commitment is quite modest for what you can contribute.

If you think that you might be interested, please contact Mrs Sue Rance, the Parish Council Clerk, as she also provides secretarial services to the village hall committee, or call Stephen Sherbourne, who chairs the committee, on 07901 556395. Thank you.

## Welcome to new residents

A warm welcome if you have moved into Crowmarsh Gifford, Mongewell or North Stoke recently, including all who have moved into homes on the new residential estates as they grow and become part of our community.

We hope you will be very happy here and quickly become part of the Crowmarsh community and join in local groups and activities as you are able.

Alongside WhatsApp and Facebook neighbourhood groups, do use the pages of *Crowmarsh News* to make contact with your new neighbours. We are keen to see a wider range of articles and news from across the community: it is your *Crowmarsh News*.

## New Bus Service

From 4th September the X38 bus to Henley will be replaced by the new 23 service, which will run through between Henley and Didcot, via Crowmarsh Gifford and Wallingford.

It is will still run hourly 7 days a week.

## Cholsey Repair Café

The next Cholsey Repair Café will be on Saturday 17th September at the Cholsey Pavilion, opening at 11.00, finishing at 13.45. Early customers will be able to enjoy light refreshments at the Cholsey Community Café in the foyer next door.

Our service extends to surrounding villages, although we would be more than happy to see similar schemes coming into existence and will be happy to share our experiences with anyone wanting to set up their own repair café.

Sharpening of knives and tools has long been popular, but we tackle a wide range of electrical and mechanical problems, broken toys, vacuum cleaners, food mixers and household paraphernalia. Particular recent successes have included an exercise treadmill and a microwave oven that required special internal fuses.

Maybe we'll see you next time. Details can also be found at [www.cholseyrepaircafe.com](http://www.cholseyrepaircafe.com)

## Benson Garden Club

In line with Benson Garden Club's usual annual programme, our series of speakers re-starts in October and we are very excited to announce that it will be given by Nick Bailey. This talk will be held on Thursday 6th October in Benson parish hall - doors open at 7.15pm for 7.45pm start. Visitors are very welcome to attend for £10 each – just turn up on the door, no need to book.



Nick Bailey (photo by Jennifer Evans)

“Revive Your Garden” will be a practical and inspirational talk catering to those who seek to bring their existing outdoor space back to life or those who have newly acquired a shabby garden (including first-time gardeners). Nick will focus on practical achievable ideas, garden techniques and simple design solutions for gardeners old and new.

Nick Bailey is a freelance horticulturalist, best-selling author, award-winning TV presenter, garden designer and speaker. After studying horticulture at Hadlow College and achieving a 1st class honours degree in Landscape Design from Greenwich University, Nick has worked across many sectors of horticulture over the last 30 years, including nursery stock production, garden management, garden design, teaching, public speaking, writing and broadcasting. Nick is currently a regular presenter on BBC2's Gardeners' World and his book, '365 Days of Colour in your Garden', has been a best seller since publication in 2015.

We will also have our usual “Flower of the Month” competition (for members only). Members are invited to bring a single flower in

a container from their garden which Nick Bailey will judge and award a small prize to the winner.

In September, we will be visiting The Manor House in Dorchester on Thames, hosted by Simon Broadbent. Further information about this thriving club, which has been running for over 25 years, and how to join as a member can be found on our website <https://bensongardeningclub.weebly.com> or please feel free to email [bensongardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:bensongardeningclub@gmail.com)

Liz Harrison

## Chiltern Chase Charity Run

The Chiltern Chase is a run of 5km, 10km and 15km through the stunning Chilterns. 435 people from Oxfordshire and beyond put their best foot forward on 12th June, to raise money for local charities. For the first time ever, Sue Ryder Palliative Care Hub South Oxfordshire was named as the charity partner of the event, the other beneficiary was Ewelme Primary school. An incredible £2,750 was raised.

2022 marked the 16th year of the Chiltern Chase, and the first year of two that Sue Ryder Palliative Care Hub South Oxfordshire will be the chosen charity of the event.

Running enthusiasts enjoyed picturesque bridleways and rugged trails of the Chiltern Hills. Before taking part in their chosen distance, runners pulled on their running shoes and got their blood pumping with a workout from a personal trainer in the Army. A vast number of supporters turned up to cheer the runners on, sharing tea and cake whilst taking in the beautiful views of the Chilterns.

Luckily for both the supporters and runners, the day stayed relatively cool, making for an even more enjoyable day for everyone. A commentator was on hand to reel off the names of the winners, which were Connor Morgan (fastest male) and Holly Curtayne (fastest female) in the 5K race with times of 18.36 and 26.14 respectively. Simon Fraser (fastest male) and Nicola Taylor (fastest female) won the 15K race with times of 57.31 and 1.07.03 respectively. Unfortunately, due to a marshalling issue, they were unable to identify the winners of the 10K race.

## Wallingford Photographic Club

September sees Wallingford Photographic Club return for a new season - come along and join our informal and inclusive group of enthusiasts and amateurs as we start our new weekly programme of talks, presentations, competitions and practical sessions. We discuss a wide range of topics - not just technical - including getting feedback on your photos if you're keen to show them. We meet on Thursdays at 7.30pm at Crowmarsh Pavilion, and we'll have a handful of sessions online (later in the season) where we make the most of speakers from far away.

Our first session is on 8th September, where Damon Guy will describe the 'photographic rules and how to break them'. Then on 15th we have a wide-ranging retrospective from Steven Galvin, who has joined us several times, to great reviews. On 22nd Robert Harvey takes us on a tour of the British Coast via his spectacular images. Our first members' evening (on 29th) will allow us to get hands on with our kit, or new techniques. Join us for any or all of these; see [wallingfordphoto.club](http://wallingfordphoto.club) for more information.

## Henley and District Stamp Club

How quickly the summer is disappearing and it's time to think about our autumn/winter hobbies. If you are interested in anything postal e.g. Stamps, Postcards or the history of the Post and all its various aspects why not visit us at Bix one Wednesday evening. You will see the enjoyment and interesting hobby you can have collecting with like-minded people.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September: the first meeting of the new season – Latest Acquisitions when members bring up to 8 pages of their newest items.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September: a display about the Belgian Congo by guest Gerald Mariner

Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at Bix Village Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors and new members are welcome. Further details can be obtained by phoning 681739 or on our website: [www.henleyphilatelic.org.uk](http://www.henleyphilatelic.org.uk)

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Sunday 4th & Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	It Snows in Benidorm (15)
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Tomorrow Morning
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	It Snows in Benidorm (15)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> , Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> , Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> , Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> & Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Fisherman's Friends: One and All (12A)

## Live Screenings

**Thursday 8th, 7pm**

**Much Ado about Nothing, live from the National Theatre**

Katherine Parkinson (The IT Crowd) and John Heffernan (Dracula) lead the cast in Shakespeare's romcom of sun, sea and mistaken identity. The legendary family-run Hotel Messina on the Italian Riviera has been visited by artists, celebrities and royalty. But when the owner's daughter weds a dashing young soldier, not all guests are in the mood for love. A string of scandalous deceptions soon surround not only the young couple, but also the adamantly single Beatrice and Benedick.

**Tickets Adults £15, Seniors and under 18s £12.50**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>, 7pm La Bohème, recorded live at Glyndebourne as part of the 2022 season**

'To be alone in winter is a terrible thing' When seamstress Mimì meets the struggling writer Rodolfo they are instantly drawn together. But while Paris is a magical city of love, it's also a very real place of hardship as the two young Bohemians and their friends soon discover,

when not just jealousy but poverty and sickness tear them apart. In La Bohème Puccini created an opera in which ordinary people are elevated to the level of the extraordinary, the tragic, the timeless – transformed by a score that has seduced generations of audiences. Conversational and familiar, atmospheric and emotionally amplified, La Bohème paints the complexity of human relationships in all their many shades, framing them with wonderfully vivid, bustling scenes of Parisian life. Comedy and tragedy are woven tightly together in an irresistible flow of melody and drama. Floris Visser directs an exciting young cast in Glyndebourne's first new La Bohème for over 20 years. Jordan de Souza conducts. **Tickets Adults £15, Seniors and under 18s £12.50** (Sung in Italian with English subtitles)

**Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd Bunkfest comes to the Corn Exchange, in the foyer and auditorium. All the Bunkfest events are free of charge.**

## Live on Stage

Saturday 10th, 7:45pm  
The Simon and Garfunkel Story

Critically acclaimed as one of the greatest tribute shows in the world, Simon & Garfunkel Through the Years has toured extensively in the UK, Europe, Australia and USA. Fronted by Dan Haynes and Pete Richards, the show is a "masterpiece" (BBC Radio) in musicianship, which perfectly recreates the unmistakable sound of Simon & Garfunkel. Featuring all the iconic songs, including The Sound of Silence, Mrs Robinson, The Boxer and the smash hit Bridge Over Troubled Water. This is without a doubt the most authentic tribute to Simon & Garfunkel touring the world today.

**All tickets £17.50**

**Wednesday 28th to Saturday 1st October, 7:45**

**Sinodun Players present Twelfth Night**

Shakespeare's classic comedy of love and deception is transported to the Art Deco period of the 1920s and set in the sumptuous Hotel Illyria on the Italian Riviera. Romance, intrigue, deception and revenge are all in the air as shipwrecked twins struggle to regain control of their lives and passions amongst strangers with their own desires. Twelfth Night is one of Shakespeare's most accessible and thought-

provoking works. He deals with the spectrum of human emotions and motivations around love, loyalty, deceit and vanity. Originally intended as an end of year entertainment for the masses, it portrays elements of us all that are very recognisable! In this sleek and stylish new production, salted with comedy, romance and specially composed songs, tempers flare as passions rise under an unforgiving sun, leading to conflict, confusion and humiliation.

## Parish Council notes

Crowmarsh Parish Council met at Crowmarsh Gifford village hall on Thursday 4th August. Present were Councillors Stephen Sherbourne (Chair), Jay Anderson, Andrew Johnson, Stuart Soames, Fleur Stevenson, Julia Streete and David Topliss, Parish Clerk Sue Rance, District Councillor Andrea Powell, Finance Officer Yvonne Peet and two members of the public.

### Matters arising from the July meeting

Chris Strange has cut the grass at the recreation ground eight times this year and will be paid an additional £240 in September.

Action is to be taken to control rabbits at the North Stoke recreation ground.

### Finance

The council agreed a grant of £150 to Clean Slate, a charity that provides long-term emotional support to survivors of abuse in Oxfordshire.

Payments agreed included £166.39 for dog bin emptying, £580 for strimming nettles in the nature area, £972 for grass cutting in June, £540 for tree surgery at Newnham Murren Church, £17,204.81 for the pavilion project, £30.00 for Chiltern Society membership, £310.11 for church floodlighting (April – June) and £806.26 for maintenance of the sewage pumping system at the pavilion.

The council approved a new investment policy, as recommended by the auditor. It was resolved to continue to hold all deposits with Lloyds Bank and review this when current major projects have been completed.

### District Council report

SODC has published its 2022 Five-year

Housing Land Supply as at 1st April 2022. The Oxfordshire 2050 plan programme has been terminated: it proved impossible for the five districts to reach agreement on it. SODC and the Vale of White Horse are collaborating on a joint local plan.

Lots of activities are available during the summer holidays and a new grant scheme 'Everyone Active' has been launched. Cllr Topliss felt that the management of the Riverside splash park needs to improve.

### Environment and recreation

The parish council received an update on the pavilion improvement project: building work is well under way and there are monthly meetings with the contractors, SCM, who are providing a running total of expenditure as the project proceeds.

The detailed specification of the meeting room will include suitable lighting for those with disabilities and built-in connections for communications to enable hybrid meetings.

The hot, dry weather is making it difficult to maintain the new trees at the Nature Area and it was suggested that some equipment could be purchased to assist Chris Strange with watering.

### Traffic and transport

A resident has filmed motorcycles at Crowmarsh roundabout and reported again on excessive speeding and noise. The police are awaiting the results of the traffic survey on the A4130 before taking further action. When the results are known the council will arrange the follow-up meeting promised with Matthew Barber, the Police and Crime Commissioner, and neighbouring parish councils. The situation will be reviewed at the September meeting. Meanwhile it was proposed that safety awareness signs be posted on lamp posts.

Two more speed surveys are being done at North Stoke, one at the crossroads and the other outside The Springs. Cllr Soames reminded the council of the need for a suitable

***Please see the parish website for the latest on many local matters:  
[www.crowmarshgifford.org.uk](http://www.crowmarshgifford.org.uk)***

crossing outside the Springs at North Stoke. The situation has become more dangerous as there are no sight lines on the grass verge here, which is apparently highway land.

Cllr Sherbourne will take this up with Lee Turner at Oxfordshire Highways.

There has been consultation on the pedestrian crossing at The Bell and the parish council is waiting for Highways to approve the design. Information on a crossing in Benson Lane is expected from Highways and Bloor Homes.

A local resident reported on use of the lay-by opposite the church in The Street, which has been increasingly used by vans and contractors' vehicles, reducing off-street parking available to residents. Cllr Anderson reported on the dangerous traffic situation in Old Reading Road and Newnham Green during school terms when pupils are dropped off and picked up by car. The Newnham Manor development should help to address this, but measures are needed before then.

Cllr Sherbourne is planning to discuss this and a number of other issues with Lee Turner of OCC Highways. It was suggested that residents' parking only should be introduced although enforcement could be difficult. District Cllr Powell reported that there are areas in Didcot where residents' parking schemes are in place. District Cllr Cooper may be able to suggest a solution.

## Planning

There were no consultations this month. Work has begun on refurbishment of The Bell inn (approved in February, P22/S0688/LB).

## Next meeting

The next parish council meeting will be held at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall on Thursday 1st September, starting at 7.30pm. Please let the parish clerk know if you would like to attend.

*There is still a vacancy on the council: if you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk or speak to any councillor.*

Parish Clerk: Mrs Sue Rance, 2 Home Farm, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8EL, email: [crowmarshparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:crowmarshparishclerk@gmail.com)

Chairman: John Griffin, 29 Thames Mead, email: [johngriffin@phoncoop.coop](mailto:johngriffin@phoncoop.coop)

## Who are Wallingford WI and what do we do?

Wallingford WI is a friendly and welcoming group for women of all ages. We meet on the first Wednesday evening of every month at Ridgeway Community Church on Wood Street in Wallingford.

A typical meeting will begin with a guest speaker, followed by an opportunity to socialise over tea and biscuits. We have recently welcomed speakers on a wide range of topics, from local history to fitness.

Outside of our monthly meetings, we offer a walking group, a Knit & Natter group and a book group. There are regular informal coffee mornings and meals out for our members. We also enjoy regular cinema and theatre trips to the Corn Exchange and other local venues. There is always scope for further activities and outings outside of our monthly meetings, depending on our members' interests.

It's an exciting time of year for us, as Wallingford WI will be running the shop at BunkFest during the first weekend in September. So, if you're curious about the WI and would like to learn more, drop by the shop tent and say hello. We can then answer any questions and give you any further information you need.

You can see details of all our upcoming meetings on our website at <https://www.wallingfordwi.co.uk/calendar>. If you'd like to come along to one of our meetings as a visitor to see what we do, we'd love to meet you.

There are over 3,800 WI members in Oxfordshire, and there are over 200,000 members in the UK. Joining Wallingford WI is a great way to make new friends locally, and you'll also be part of a powerful national organisation of women.

Find out more about Wallingford WI on our website (<https://www.wallingfordwi.co.uk/>) or on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/WallingfordWI>)

## John Howell MP writes...

This month I am writing in early August. The House is in recess and there is a rest from the busyness of the daily schedule of the House with debates, committees and many other meetings. However MPs are not on holiday, unless taking a break as many others do at this time of year. Ministers continue the work of their Departments and MPs continue with their work with more of a constituency focus. My team continue to work as usual supporting constituents to resolve problems where possible, with the welcome opportunity to catch up on things as well as taking a well-earned break.

When we return to the House in September we will hear who the new Leader of the Conservative Party is and thus the new Prime Minister. I anticipate that whoever is elected it will be a busy time with the inevitable reshuffle of Ministers and changes that will follow. However the House will pick up where it left off and on the first day back we will have the second reading of the Data Protection and Digital Information Bill. This Bill has been brought forward to review regulation on the processing of individual data and the use of information. This is distinct from the Online Safety Bill which is to make provision for regulation by OFCOM of certain internet services. The latter is in response to broad consensus that there is a great need for regulation of online content and is a little further ahead in the parliamentary process. In the same week we will also have the second reading of the Financial Services and Markets Bill which seeks to bolster the competitiveness of the UK as a global financial centre and deliver better outcomes for consumers and businesses. So there will be important business to attend to as soon as the House resumes.

Having mentioned stages of the progress of a Bill through the House it might be worth a word on these stages. The second reading of a Bill is the first time that it is debated in the Chamber and all MPs can make a contribution should they wish to do so. Following this a Bill goes to a committee which will have been set up specifically for that purpose. At this stage those on the committee will go through the Bill in detail. This will then lead to the Report stage at which all MPs have the opportunity to consider the work of the committee and amendments may be put forward.

In the meantime I am spending time during the recess getting out and about in the constituency and also trying to catch up with key organisations. For example I took the opportunity to revisit Townlands Hospital in Henley which I have not been able to visit for a while due to the pandemic. This is a good news story that is going from strength to strength with Outpatients, Ear, Nose and Throat, Audiology and Radiology provided by Royal Berkshire Trust and Oxfordshire Health continuing to offer other services such as a busy Podiatry service. This summer they are also piloting a Rapid Access Care Unit which will support NHS services such as the South-Central Ambulance Service and the 111 service. I would like to see more such facilities available in other areas too.

When the House returns there will be much to do. It will be an interesting time as the new Prime Minister settles into the role and puts their stamp on it. If there is an issue that concerns you please do share your thoughts. Email is the easiest way if you have access to that. My email address is [john.howell.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:john.howell.mp@parliament.uk). Alternatively, you can write to me at the House of Commons (House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA) or my constituency office (PO Box 84, Watlington, OX49 5XD). Please note that correspondence sent through the post takes longer to reach me as it has to go through offsite security scanning before being delivered.

If you would like to know more about my work on behalf of the Government and the Constituency please do look at my website which is regularly updated. The address is [www.johnhowellmp.com](http://www.johnhowellmp.com). Further details of the work of Parliament is available on the parliament website at [www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk).

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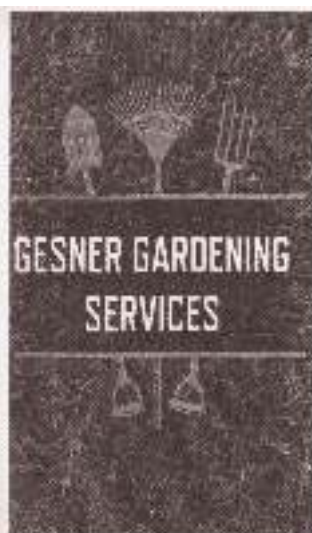
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## WHAT'S ON — SEPTEMBER 2022

### Regular events and meetings

Every Friday	9.30-12.00	Wallingford Country Market	St Mary-le-More Church, Wallingford
Every Saturday	10.00-12.00	WAGS Store open	Centre 70, Wallingford
Most Saturdays	10.00-13.00	Local Producers' Market	Centre 70 (in the Market Place on the first Saturday of the month)
Various days	Differing times	Didcot and Wallingford Ramblers	<a href="http://www.ramblers.org.uk/didcot-wallingford">www.ramblers.org.uk/didcot-wallingford</a>
Every Sunday	11.00 onwards	Parish Communion. Family service first Sunday of month. See page 4	St Mary Magdalene's Church, Crowmarsh Gifford
Thursdays	19.30 onwards	Wallingford Photographic Club	Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall
Mainly Thursdays	Varying times	CTC Wallingford cycle rides	<a href="http://www.ctcwallingford.org.uk">www.ctcwallingford.org.uk</a>
Various days	Various times	Cholsey and Wallingford Heritage Railway	<a href="http://www.cholsey-wallingford-railway.com">www.cholsey-wallingford-railway.com</a>

### This month

Thursday 1st	19.30 onwards	Crowmarsh Parish Council Meeting	Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall
Saturday 3rd	20.00 onwards	Chamber Music: Guitar and Accordion based	St Marys Church Cholsey
Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th	Most of the time	Bunkfest Music Festival including railway operation	Kinicroft and throughout Wallingford
Sunday 4th	9.00am onwards	The Breast Walk Ever for Against Breast Cancer	Start at various times from Wallingford Bridge.
Wednesday 7th	14.00 onwards	U3A: The Watlington Viking Hoard	Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall
Friday 9th to Sunday 11th	Events from 1930 Friday onwards	Agatha Christie Weekend	Wallingford Museum and other locations, <a href="http://see.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk">see wallingfordmuseum.org.uk</a>
Saturday 10th	19.00 for 19.45	Concerts@Cholsey: Sandy Stannage and Sylvia Barnes	Cholsey Pavilion
Saturday 10th	10.30—12.30	Crowmarsh Community Café	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Wednesday 14th	19.45 onwards	TWHAS: The Remains of the College of St Nicholas	St Mary le More, Wallingford
Saturday 17th	11.00—13.45	Cholsey Repair Café (see p.5)	Cholsey Pavilion
Saturday 17th	20.00 onwards	Chamber Music: The Piatti Quartet	St Mary le More, Wallingford
Sunday 18th	10.00 onwards	The Treehouse 10K	Cholsey Recreation Ground
Saturday 24th	10.00 till 16.00	Great Big Green Week. Pop-up Social Event (see p.3)	Wallingford Market Place and environs, see OX10 Community Centre
Saturday 24th	11.00 till 16.00	Fabulous Fossils with the Oxford Geology Trust	Wallingford Museum
Wednesday 28th	12.00 onwards	Great Big Green Week Talk : Hedgehogs and Biodiversity at Howbery (see p.3)	Manor House, Howbery Park